

How many emergency medical responses are there in Idaho every year?

Which counties have one EMS medical director for all services?

Are we losing EMS volunteers?

In discussions about emergency medical services systems, these and many other questions are common – but until now, the answers have been very difficult or impossible to obtain. As the state agency that regulates and supports the EMS system in Idaho, the EMS Bureau of the Department of Health & Welfare recognized the value of pulling selected data into a single document to answer these and many other questions.

There is tremendous diversity in the EMS systems in Idaho. A glance at almost any county map will reveal the patchwork complexity of city and county boundaries interwoven with fire districts and ambulance districts. The five sections that follow provide a demographic overview of the county, availability of post-secondary and EMS-specific educational programs, healthcare access indicators, road and highway related data, and EMS system configuration characteristics. A statewide tabulation of all data can be found following page v.

This document should serve as a valuable reference tool for EMS system participants, local elected officials, and policy makers. As with any compilation of this size, it is likely that questions or observations will arise; we welcome any input that you may have. Please send us an e-mail via [IdahoEMS@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:IdahoEMS@dhw.idaho.gov) or call 208-334-4000.

